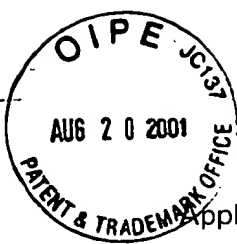


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Atty. Dkt. No. 050251-0131

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gray et al.  
 Title: SURGICAL DEVICE WITH MALLEABLE SHAFT  
 Appl. No.: 09/785,374  
 Filing Date: 16 February 2001  
 Examiner: W. Lewis  
 Art Unit: 3731

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is Amendment A in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- [ ] Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	83	—	52	=	31	x	\$18.00	=	\$558.00
Independents:	12	—	8	=	4	x	\$80.00	=	\$320.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:						+	\$270.00	=	\$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:								=	\$878.00

- [ ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$390.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$890.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,390.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,890.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$878.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:		\$878.00

- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1450 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$878.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1450. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1450.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 16 August 2001  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Fee Amendment  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed 6 August 2001, please amend the application as follows:

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01 FC:102  
02 FC:103

320.00 OP  
558.00 OP

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Once Amended) (A malleable shaft member) for a surgical device having a tissue engaging means and a handle assembly, and an actuating means connecting the handle assembly and the tissue engaging means for actuating the tissue engaging means, the shaft member comprising:

a first tube made of a malleable material and having a proximal end, a distal end and a longitudinal axis, the proximal end of the first tube coupled to the handle assembly, the distal end of the first tube coupled to the tissue engaging means, the actuating means extending axially through the first tube, the first tube configured to be kink resistant, fatigue resistant, and to bend about some bending radius in response to a bending moment applied to the first tube, the bending moment applied to the first tube